

**TOWN HALL FOCUSES ON FUTURE OF LACDMH**  
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On Thursday, September 13, 2012, the fourth Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) town hall took place. This town hall was broadcast from a different location than the previous three. This time, the LA County Channel offices at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration were used as the setting.

The LACDMH town halls are designed to communicate with staff about programs and projects that may directly affect them. Each meeting is a different topic. This month's town hall was entitled "Into the Future: Steps We Can Take Today to Prepare for the World of Tomorrow".

LACDMH Chief Deputy Director, Robin Kay, Ph.D., welcomed everyone to the town hall and introduced the speakers for this meeting: LACDMH Deputy Director of Adult System of Care, Cathy Warner, L.C.S.W., LACDMH Chief, Clinical Informatics/IBHIS Project Co-Director, Paul Arns, Ph.D., and LACDMH Senior Information Systems Analyst, Julika Barrett, M.S., M.A.

First, Cathy Warner presented information about Clinic Redesign. Next, Paul Arns and Julika Barrett spoke about the progress with the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) and how it would affect current employees in the LACDMH workforce. To close the town hall, LACDMH Deputy Director of Program Support

Bureau, Dennis Murata, M.S.W., moderated the Question & Answer session from inquiries sent in from various LACDMH sites that broadcast the event.

The next town hall is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2012. Not every LACDMH location has the equipment or technology to view town hall meetings. With your supervisor's approval, interested staff members can watch future meetings at a broadcast nearby if one is not available at their location.

On the day of the town hall, live broadcast showings are available for viewing at 695 Vermont (7<sup>th</sup> floor conference room) and 550 Vermont (2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room). Past meetings are available via the Town Hall SharePoint site:

<http://dmhhqportal1/sites/th/default.aspx>

